Political Science, B.A.

Requirements

The Bachelor of Arts with a major in political science requires a minimum of 120 s.h., including 36 s.h. of work for the major (all in political science courses). At least 18 s.h. of coursework for the major must be taken at the University of Iowa. Students must maintain a g.p.a. of at least 2.00 in all courses for the major and in all UI courses for the major. They also must complete the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences GE CLAS Core.

Credit earned in POLI:1000 First-Year Seminar, POLI:3124 Guided Political Science Internship, and POLI:4900 Government and Politics Internship does not count toward the major, but grades in these courses become part of a student's grade-point average.

In planning coursework, students should be guided by the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences maximum hours rule: students earning a B.A. may apply a maximum of 56 s.h. earned in one department to the minimum 120 s.h. required for graduation, whether or not the coursework is accepted toward requirements for the major; students who earn more than 56 s.h. from one department may use the additional semester hours to satisfy requirements for the major (if the department accepts them), and the grades they earn become part of their grade-point average; but they cannot apply the additional semester hours to the minimum 120 s.h. required for graduation.

The B.A. with a major in political science requires the following coursework.

### Political Science Introductory Courses

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### Additional Political Science Courses

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POLI:1445 | Introduction to Asian Politics: China | 3
POLI:1449 | Introduction to European Politics | 3
POLI:1500 | Introduction to International Relations | 3
POLI:1501 | Introduction to American Foreign Policy | 3
POLI:1600 | Introduction to Political Communication | 3
POLI:1601 | Introduction to Social Media and Politics | 3
POLI:1700 | Introduction to Political Analysis | 3
POLI:1800 | Introduction to the Politics of Class and Inequality | 3
POLI:1900 | Introduction to the Politics of Race | 3
POLI:1950 | Introduction to the Politics of Religion | 3

### Emphases in Political Science

Students may elect to complete one or two emphases while fulfilling the requirements for the major. The emphasis is indicated on the transcript at graduation if a student completes the emphasis and requests recognition from the department.

Each emphasis consists of four courses. Emphases are available in American institutions, identity politics, international relations, political behavior, political communication, political theory, and politics of foreign countries. For lists of courses approved in each area, contact the Department of Political Science.

### Online B.A.

The Department of Political Science offers an online B.A. degree with a major in political science intended for students who are not able to attend courses that meet on campus. The online program enables students to complete their B.A. degree from anywhere in the world. For more information, see Online Political Science B.A. on the Department of Political Science website.

### Teacher Licensure

Students interested in teaching in elementary and/or secondary schools should seek admission to the Teacher Education Program (TEP) in the College of Education. To qualify for licensure in secondary teaching, students in the TEP complete a degree in education as well as a related College of Liberal Arts and Sciences degree. See Teacher Education Program Application and Admission on the College of Education website for details on requirements and
deadlines for applying to the College of Education and about TEP choices of majors leading to licensure.